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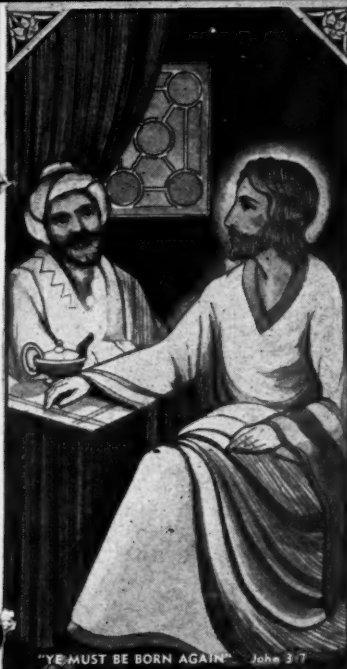
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When the trials of life are over
And our heavy burdens past,
If to Christ we have been faithful
We'll be at home with Him at last.

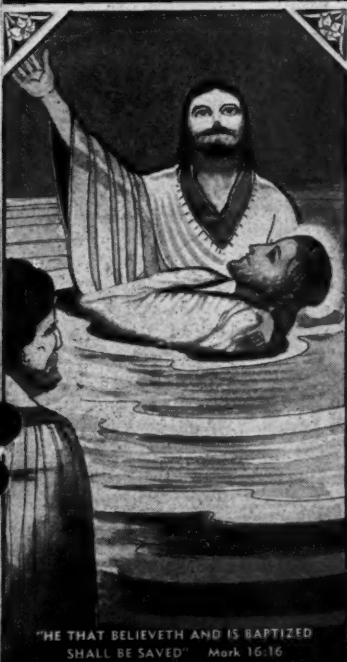
But the ones who won't accept Him
Will hear those words "I know you not."
How awful then to them 'twill be,—
Forever in the sinner's lot.

Then, sinner, come to Jesus now
And harden not your heart;
He will tenderly forgive you
And His blessings will impart.

Still be faithful in His service
Till we lay our armor down,
For we know the faithful here
Are the ones who'll win the crown.



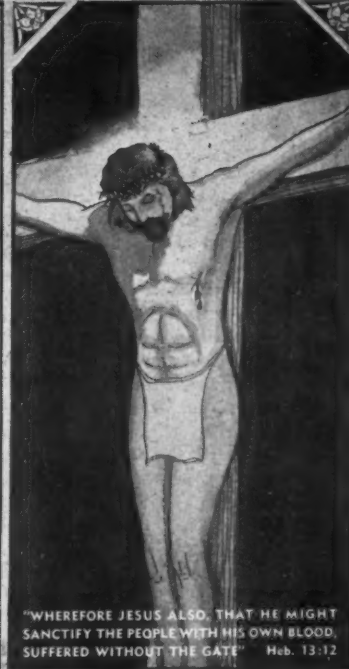
"YE MUST BE BORN AGAIN" John 3:7



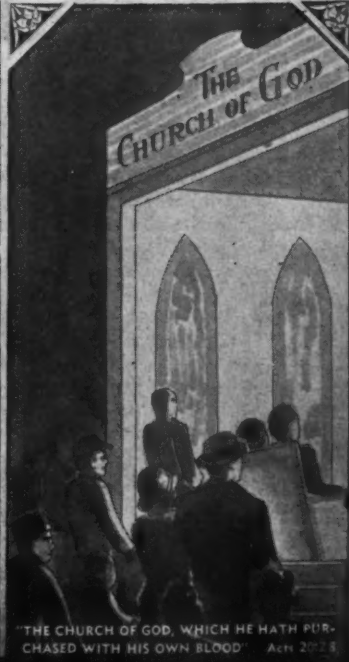
"HE THAT BELIEVETH AND IS BAPTIZED
SHALL BE SAVED" Mark 16:16



"AND THEY WERE ALL FILLED WITH THE HOLY GHOST,
AND BEGAN TO SPEAK WITH OTHER TONGUES" Acts 2:4



"WHEREFORE JESUS ALSO, THAT HE MIGHT
SANCTIFY THE PEOPLE WITH HIS OWN BLOOD,
SUFFERED WITHOUT THE GATE" Heb. 13:12



"THE CHURCH OF GOD, WHICH HE HATH PUR-
CHASED WITH HIS OWN BLOOD" Acts 20:28



To the churches and clerks of Arizona and California: Our address has been changed from 4428 Menlo Ave. to 1051½ W. 46th St., Los Angeles, Calif.—I. L. Benge, state overseer.

To the Sunday Schools of Alabama: The Sunday School banner goes to Jasper for the month of April with a gain of 62%. Come on and report regular and win the banner.

To the Y. P. E. of Alabama: East Lake had the greatest gain in its Y. P. E. for the month of April, the gain being 10¾%, with Boaz next. Now if you win these banners you will have to work hard and report each month.—T. G. Pearson, state superintendent.

The Church of God at Parkman and Meadowbrook, Warren, Ohio, will have their district convention June 2-4. The public is cordially invited.—J. L. Eckels.

To the Y. P. E's and Sunday Schools of North Dakota: I thank all of the secretaries of the Sunday Schools and Y. P. E's in North Dakota for their promptness in reporting at the end of the month. Also, I will give the churches which made the greatest progress in the month of March. In the Y. P. E. we have a new work to report this time in Bismarck, N. Dak. The Y. P. E. was organized with thirty-five members. Praise the Lord. Minot Y. P. E. is the largest in the state with Lignite running a close second, but Wahpeton made the largest gain this month. Our slogan is, "A Y. P. E. in every church in North Dakota."

Beulah made the most gain in Sunday School with Lignite Sunday School coming second. All of the churches that have reported thus far have made a gain in March. Let's keep up the work.—J. Andrew Rafferty, state superintendent of Y. P. E. and S. S., Lignite, N. Dak.

A revival is in progress at McAllen, Tex. with Brother R. O. Woodruff and Sister Cleo Johnson doing the preaching. The Lord has surely been blessing. Please pray that the Lord will continue to bless and save souls. Pray for a church to be set in order there, D. V.—Mrs. Jessie Watson, Donna, Tex.

A revival is to soon start at Donna, Tex. with Brother R. O. Woodruff in charge. He will come here with his new tent as soon as the revival is closed at McAllen, Tex. I believe Brother H. N. Scoggins is to be here. Please pray that God will bless with new souls.—Mrs. Jessie Watson, Donna, Tex.

Please send me your old tracts, Evangelists and booklets as I can use them. They will be appreciated.—J. B. Weeks, Copperhill, Tenn.

We praise God for victory but we desire your prayers for we want to stay on the firing line. We are having all-day meeting, home coming, singing, praying, Word of God expounded, shouts, amens and all that goes with a Spirit-filled life the second Sunday in June, the 11th, so come one and all; you are welcome. We are expecting our good overseer and his wife to be with us that day, Brother and Sister T. S. Payne. Our Sunday School is doing fine, also our Y. P. E. Our people respond wonderfully and love their pastor and family. Pennsylvania is surely rising and shining. We all love our district pastor and family, Brother C. H. Shaw.—W. L. Ramsey, pastor, Poplar Run church, Claysburg, Pa.

The Church of God at Myrick Grove (Rt. 1, Dora, Ala.) will have its first home coming June 11. We are planning a good time in the Lord. We invite everybody to come be with us in the service of the Lord. We are expecting our state overseer and district pastor to be with us. We will be glad to have all singers and ministers with us. Come and sing and pray with us: Let's have a good time with the Lord.—J. L. Myrick, clerk; M. L. Franklin, pastor, Rt. 1, Dora, Ala.

A revival will start at Cullowhee, N. C. June 4 with Sister Maxine Sprinkle, evangelist, doing the preaching. All churches are invited to attend. Come along and put your shoulder to the wheel.—Brother George Huston, pastor, Cullowhee, N. C.

There will be a home coming at the Church of God at Moorhead, Miss. the fourth Sunday in June. All neighboring churches are invited. We are expecting a feast from heaven, so come and enjoy the good blessings of God.—Newton Henry, clerk, Gen. Del., Moorhead, Miss.

We praise the Lord for His goodness to us at East St. Louis, Ill. At this writing we have C. E. Richard of Alabama with us in a revival and the outlook is good for a great revival. We also have a fine band of people to work with.—C. T. Dunn, district pastor, East St. Louis, Ill.

The tent revival in Cleveland, conducted by Sisters Helen Morrow and Margaret James, is going fine. Sister Morrow has certainly been bringing some wonderful messages, which have been food to both saint and sinner. Although we have been having quite a bit of rain,

yet the tent is filled to its capacity every night. Sunday night, May 28, the tent was filled to its capacity with many standing outside. Continue to pray for this revival that God will have His way and save the lost souls in Cleveland.—Ruby Wales.

We are going to be in the evangelistic work the remainder of this year and will be glad to consider calls from churches or any community that will secure a building or build a brush arbor. I have been a minister in the Church of God seventeen years. We have a house trailer that we will carry with us to live in.—Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Brown, 908 Shahan Ave., Alabama City, Ala.

The Michigan and Central Canada state convention will convene at Pontiac, Mich. in the auditorium of the Eastern Junior High School, June 22-25, inclusive. Brother R. P. Johnson, Assistant General Overseer, will be the principal speaker. We are expecting each local church to be well represented. We have set June 18 for a day of prayer for the success of the convention. We ask each pastor to take a special offering for missions to bring to the convention and each church will be credited for the same. We will not have a camp meeting at Lake Odessa this year. We invite all the neighboring churches to come attend the convention.—C. H. Standifer, 949 Reed Pl., Detroit, Mich.

To the ministers and workers of the state of Virginia: This will remind you of the state convention and camp meeting which will convene at the Church of God on Indiana Avenue in Roanoke, Va. June 8-18. The camp meeting will begin the 8th and the convention the 15th, making the convention continue through the last three days.

It's true the coal mines have been closed for a long time and have just started up, and the mills have been running from one to two days a week, but we believe that the Lord is going to give us a great time anyway. Some pastors have gone over the top with their quota and all that go over the top with the mission drive and aged ministers' quota will be on the honor roll at the state convention. We trust you can all be on.

We highly appreciate the good work you have done this year and we will be looking for you to attend the convention and just as much of the camp meeting as possible. The church will be used for camping purposes. Also, there will be plenty of free space to put camping tents if you have one you would like to bring along. There will be a lunchstand on the ground where you can obtain meals at a reasonable price. Come on with that good

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THE CHURCH OF GOD

R. P. JOHNSON, Assistant General Overseer

"Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things," Phil. 4:8.

NOTICE

Our text suggests six things to think on. Things true, things honest, things just, things pure, things lovely, things of good report; and I am confident that the subject matter of this article contains scripture and comment which justifies the use of the above great text. Now to our

BIBLE

"Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. And I say unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it," Matt. 16:17, 18. "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ," 1 Cor. 3:11. "And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone," Eph. 2:20. "And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all," Eph. 1:22, 23. "That he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby," Eph. 2:16. "For by one Spirit are we all baptized (conducted, guided) into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit," 1 Cor. 12:13. "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the Church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood," Acts 20:28.

The above references are true, honest, just, pure, lovely, giving good but not full report, for there is

MORE BIBLE

"This is a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work. A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach; Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous; one that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity; (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the Church of God?)" 1 Tim. 3:1-5.

"Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness," Rom. 12:8. "Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother. But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican," Matt. 18:15-17. "For I . . . have judged already, as though I were present, concerning him that hath so done this deed, In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when ye are gathered together, and my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ; To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus. Your glorying is not good. Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump? Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump. Therefore put away from among yourselves that wicked person," 1 Cor. 5:3-7,

13. "Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us. For we hear that there are some which walk among you disorderly, working not at all, but are busybodies," 2 Thess. 3:6, 11. "Let all things be done decently and in order," 1 Cor. 14:40. "And the rest will I set in order when I come," 1 Cor. 11:34. And God hath set some in the church first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healing, helps, governments, diversities of tongues. And these references are just as TRUE, HONEST, JUST, PURE, LOVELY, HAVING GOOD REPORT as the references are which reveal the Spirit and blood relationship to THE CHURCH OF GOD. Therefore, for us to present the Church of God as God did and would have it, we recognize

TWO ESSENTIALS

The two outstanding features of the Church of God as revealed by the New Testament are, first, spirituality; second, government. To our mind for a people to attempt to establish a church without spirituality would be to have an empty form, a corpse. And without government it would be indiscernible, with neither office nor officer, rule nor ruler, ordi-

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FINISHED SIN

BY W. R. WILBANKS

My thought is taken from James 1:15, finished sin. Finished means to bring to an end. When we look around us and see how people are partaking of sin we wonder if they really know what the end will be. James is here warning the Christian people for he says, "When lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin." When lust enters the heart, it brings sin with it. Lust brings that longing desire and carnal appetite for the things of sin. But the saddest part is when sin is finished, it brings forth death, which is not physical death, but eternal damnation to the soul that lets sin run its course and reign within it. Paul says in Rom. 6:23 that "the wages of sin is death." If you go and hire to a man, you want to know what your wages are. God has already set the wages for sin, which is death (eternal death).

Oh, just think of the horrible things sin causes. We can see the effects every day as it runs and finishes its course in the lives of its victim—men committing suicide, whole families wrecked and ruined—but still some people will harbor it in their bosoms and say, "We can't do without it." Oh, it is time people are

taking a stand against it. Look at the penitentiaries they are filling, and the chain gangs and electric chairs that are being occupied on its account today, and still millions of people will cheer its influence.

Sin will master you under its influence little by little until it gets its deathly grip and finishes its course.

I read of a man who caught a boa constrictor while it was small and kept and trained it till it was grown. One evening he walked out under a flood of stage lights and said, "Ladies and gentlemen, I have a large snake in this corner over here. Don't get excited for it will come at my command and coil itself about my body and then uncoil and go back to its place." He gave the command and it didn't come. He put forth effort after effort and finally it came slowly across the stage, leaving its slimy trail, and slowly wound itself about his body. But something else happened, bones began to pop, women screamed; it uncoiled itself, leaving the body a lifeless heap. You may think you can control your sin but it will grow so big after while till it will

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EDITORIALS

Great Tribulation

"For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken," Rev. 24:21, 29.

We are sure these two verses refer to the great tribulation which is spoken of as a seven-year period. Verse 29 brings us to the close of that period when the sun will be darkened and the moon shall not give her light. This is at the time when Jesus comes back on the clouds of heaven to reign a thousand years.

In previous editorials you have noticed that the rapture is over before the breaking of the first seal. Rev. 5:9-12. At the breaking of the first seal the man of sin is revealed. None of these seals have been broken yet. Of course we have had much trouble in the land, earthquakes, wars, storms and pestilences, and today there is more trouble in the world than ever before. Jesus spoke of these as troublesome times. But I am sure we have not entered the tribulation week.

In the last issue we took up the man of sin and told where we thought he would come from. We also explained the first three years and a half of the tribulation week. Our editorials today are on a part of the last three years and a half.

From the time of the breaking of the first seal till the time of the breaking of the second seal is approximately three years and a half.

PEACE TAKEN FROM THE EARTH

"And when he had opened the second seal, I heard the second beast say, Come and see. And there went out another horse that was red: and power was giv-

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This paper reserves the right to condense reports, testimonies, etc., to a conformity of a proper allowance of space.

en to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another: and there was given unto him a great sword," Rev. 6:3, 4.

This red horse represents war and bloodshed. We have had many wars and of late years the most horrible wars the world has ever heard about. But at the breaking of this second seal peace is taken from the earth. The entire world will be under the man of sin. This will be the greatest tribulation that the world has ever witnessed. Antichrist sets out to force the world to worship him and he places a mark on those that stand with him; those that refuse his mark he will put to death sometime during this last three years and a half. Rev. 13:16, 17.

This will involve the entire world. Antichrist's seat will be in the holy land, possibly in the city of Jerusalem. When the Christians who have been left after the rapture rebel against him when he demands everybody to worship him as God, it will cause him to muster all the fighting forces of the world in an effort to subdue and to bring every one into subjection to him.

THE THIRD SEAL

"And when he had opened the third seal, I heard the third beast say, come and see. And I beheld, and lo a black horse; and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand. And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny; and see thou hurt not the oil and the wine," Rev. 6:5, 6.

The man on the black horse has a pair of balances in his hand. He is to measure out food. This denotes the scarcity of food. He is to give them a measure of wheat for a penny, that is, about a pint and a half for about fifteen cents. This signifies that a great famine is on. There generally follows a long seize of war scarcity and want. The red horse represents universal war and the black horse represents universal famine. All men available will be taken to war and there will be no force left except those who

are not old enough or strong enough to go to war, consequently there will be little food produced during those years.

The angel gives orders not to hurt the oil and the wine. Joel tells us that the herds of cattle were perplexed because they had no pasturage, the flocks were made desolate and the beasts of the field cry because they had no food. Joel 1:18, 20.

"Their visage is blacker than a coal; they are not known in the streets: their skin cleaveth to their bones; it is withered, it is become like a stick. They that be slain with the sword are better than they that be slain with hunger: for these pine away, stricken through for want of the fruits of the field. The hands of the pitiful women have sodden their own children: they were their meat in the destruction of the daughter of my people," Lam. 4:8-10.

This will be an awful time for the people on earth but if the saints will watch and pray always they will be accounted worthy to escape all these things and stand before the Son of man. Luke 21:36. All who fail to go in the rapture will go into the tribulation week. The black horse will come forth, or famine will begin, after the red horse has been turned loose and war has involved all nations, and they will go side by side and the suffering will be terrible.

THE FOURTH SEAL

"And when he had opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth beast say, Come and see. And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with the sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth," Rev. 6:7, 8.

This pale horse's rider was Death. Thousands will die from diseases caused by war and starvation. Hell followed with Death, and power was given them over a fourth part of the earth. They will kill the people with sword, hunger and the beasts of the earth. This signifies that war is still going on and hunger and disease are still prevalent and the people are too weak to resist them. The beasts are so affected by the famine that they will be bold and will roam into the inhabited regions and ferociously devour the inhabitants. Ezekiel refers to this as God's four sore judgments. Ezek. 14:17-21.

This awful time of calamity begins at the middle of the tribulation week and it will be a time of awful suffering. If we could only realize how near the time for Jesus to come for His own is, we certainly would wake up and seek God with all our heart. All this suffering will come on those who are not ready to go in the rapture.

The PERRY-SCOPE

Treasures—New and old From Far and Near

Conducted by SAM C. PERRY, 52 N. W. 35th St., Miami, Fla.

The Tattling Tongue

The tattling tongue has been attacked from many sides. It comes under such heads as gossip, backbiting, criticism, and fault finding. All of these are fatal terms, fatal to the guilty person; harmful, and possibly fatal to the person who is the victim.

Gossip has been called the meanest thing in the world. "A gossip is a public menace, and richly deserves to be muzzled, for a biting, dishonest, human tongue can do more harm than the snapping jaws of a dog."

The gossip may ruin a good name, split the Church, make enemies of friends, disturb the peace of the town. None are safe from the serpentine gossip's tongue.

The tattler does not wait to know the facts before repeating something he has heard. Of course it is hearsay. The ugliest, meanest and vilest hearsays are repeated as most interesting news. How many good commendable things are forgotten, but it's the ugly and vile that is remembered and repeated.

It is said that some dig their graves with their teeth, and is it not equally true that many have dug their spiritual graves with their tongue? We talk too much.

Here is a good remedy, given by an old saint of God:

NOT A WORD

Not railing for railing, not a word. How much is lost by a word! Be still; keep quiet; if they smite you on one cheek, turn the other also. Never retort. Hush—not a word. Never mind your reputation nor character—they are in His hands, and you mar them by trying to retain them.

Open not your mouth. Silence. A word will grieve, disturb, frighten away the gentle dove. Hush—not a word! Are you misunderstood? Never mind! Will it hurt your influence and weaken your power for good? Leave it to Him. His to take care and charge. Are you wronged and your good name tarnished? All right. Be it yours to be meek and lowly; simple and gentle—not a word. Let Him keep you in perfect peace; stay your mind on Him; trust in Him. Hush! Be quiet before the world and rest in Him. Not a word of argument, debate or controversy. Mind your own business; be still.

Never judge nor condemn, never arraign nor censure. Not a word! Never an unclean nor an unkind expression. Never a doubt nor a fear. Never a disparaging remark of another. As you

would others should do to the world, so do ye.

Pause! Be still! Selah! Not a word, emphatically; not even a look, that will mar the sweet serenity of the soul. Get still. Know God. Keep silent before Him. Stillness is better than noise.

Not a word of murmuring or complaining in supplication; not a word of nagging nor persuading. Let language be simple, gentle, quiet, you utter not a word, but give Him opportunity to speak. Harken to hear His voice. Listen to obey. This is the way to honor and know Him. Not a word—not the last word!

Words make trouble. Be still. This is the voice of the Spirit. Take no thought for tomorrow; worry not about home, church or business cares. Cast all on Him, and not a word. We think so hard, pray so hard, and trust so hard, that we become unrestful and disquieted and noisy, and thus drive Him away. Worry makes the place of His abiding unpleasant, and He leaves.

Not a word to any one of your worries, nor of desire to know what to do. Take it out of His hands. He is to keep in perfect peace; but do not go to another for wisdom or direction.

I had a severe trial, long continued. I rode with a dear brother in the cars, and I opened to him my heart, and poured out my weighty burdens in his ears; I took his earnest advice to my heart. His voice was not the mind of the Spirit, and when I returned to my seat in the car, the Spirit gently said to me, "So you went to him? You could not trust me?" It broke my heart. I apologized, was forgiven, restored and determined never to take my case out of His hands again, and to take as my motto for my spiritual life "Not a word."

Cease, beloved, from yourself; from your own things and works. Let the Holy Ghost have play. Get still from restless activity, and give Him a chance to speak and to do.

Not a word. Witness in love. Just a word for Jesus. "Ye are my witnesses." But that is not all.

Surrender self to Him. Let your conquered spirit keep quiet. Let your lips be closed, your tongue be tied, your voice be hushed, your look be loved. Let Him control, and a sound of gentle stillness will permeate your being, spreading the sweet aroma of peace and delight upon all around.

And while your heart is hushed and your mouth closed, in the sweet, small voice, like the dew of the morning, the

gentle light of sunshine, or the sweet breeze of eventide, you will be quickly blessed, by hearing Him in the hush of His presence and the joy of His delight, and you will be so glad that you uttered—not a word!—Only as a Witness for Him.

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The churches are full of willing people. A few are willing to bear their part of the responsibility, and the rest are willing to let that faithful few do it.

Christian Pilgrims

"Men have been termed pilgrims, and life a journey; and we add that the Christian pilgrimage far surpasses all others in the following important particulars: in the goodness of the road, in the beauty of the prospects, in the excellence of the company, and in the vast superiority of the accommodations provided for the Christian traveler, when he has finished his course."

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The religion of the Lord Jesus Christ is the only remedy against sin. It is the best philosophy of the wise, it is the comfort of the afflicted, the strength of the weak, the riches of the poor, and the only support of the dying. It gives part of its reward in hand here below, and the best security for the rest above hereafter.

THE WORLD OVERCOME

When the soul delights in meditation and high converse with God, the world has no power to entangle her any more than the spider's web can ensnare the soaring eagle.

Lay Aside Every Weight

We are to run the race set before us; but too many are full of excuses, which, like plummets of lead tied to their heels, hinder their speed in the way. There is an old saying, "They that are good at excuses are good for nothing else."

INEFFICIENT SERMONS

It is recorded by Sentonius, as an instance of Nero's inhumanity, that, in a general famine, when many were perishing, he ordered a vessel, to come from Egypt, the granary of Italy, laden with sand, for the use of the wrestlers in the Coliseum; but it is cruelty of a heavier imputation for a minister to prepare sermons to please the foolish curiosity of fancy with tight conceits and vanities, while hungry souls languish for want of solid nourishment.

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Have you thought of and prayed for the lost millions of heathen, and the few laborers who are there to take them the Word of life today, or do you ever feel any concern for them at all?

Financial Comparison

By J. H. WALKER, General Overseer

Financial comparison made on a "Business Week" index of business activities for 1937, 1938, 1939 compared with the business done by the Church of God for same period.

The Business Week takes the years of 1923-25 as the 100% basis. This, of course, as you know, is after the high prices brought on by the World War and prior to the boom of 1929. You will notice on this graft that 100% is shown by number.

We have made a comparison of the work of the Church of God, using this same year as a basis of 100%, and you can readily see by the figures the rapid progress that has been made by the Church of God over these years.

First, the little figure 1 represents the business standing of the United States of America for the year 1938 which stands at about 85% compared with 100% in 1923-25. These figures are shown from a cross section as it were of various businesses: PRODUCTION, TRADE, PRICES, FINANCE, BANKING, and STOCK MARKET being taken from possibly thousands of industries and shown by figures of the "Business Week" May 20, 1939.

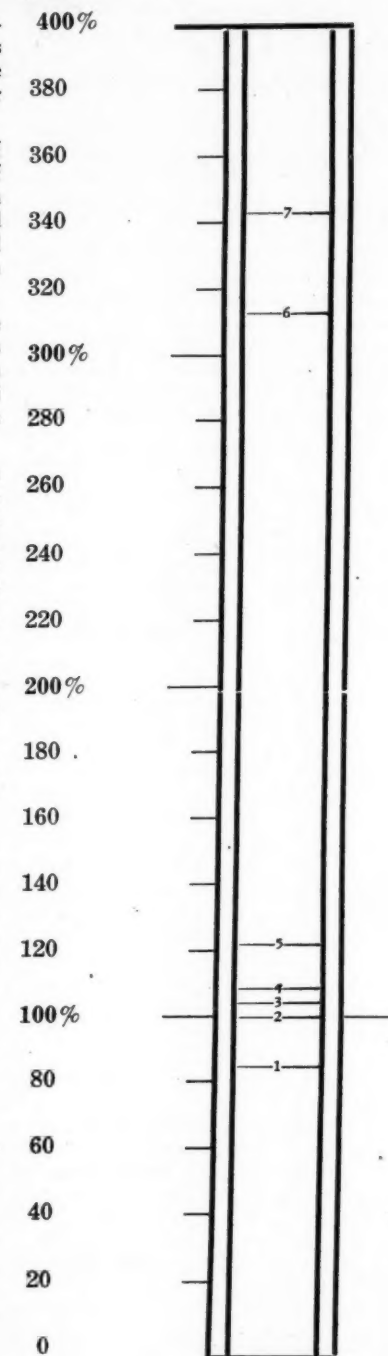
Figure 4 represents the high point of the United States business which ranked at 111% for 1937.

But for those years please look at figure 6 which indicates the height to which the Church of God general financial receipts climbed in 1937 to 314%, using the figures of 1923-25 as 100% basis the same as the Business Week does the basis of the United States of America.

Then look at figure 7. This high altitude indicates the point reached by the Church of God financial receipts for the year 1938 which towers to 340% above 1923's 100% record.

Now more carefully look at figure 3 which indicates the point on the graft where the total receipts of the Church of God had climbed for the first four months of 1938, which was about 105%, which means the Church of God received more money for January, February, March, and April, 1938, than was received for the entire year 1923-24 average.

Now look to figure 5 and you will find indicated the position Church finance has climbed to during the first four months of this year, which is 118%. This shows already a 13% gain over last year's or half as much as 1938 gained over 1937. Therefore, if we can continue



climbing, we may expect a great year this year.

It is clearly to be seen that the general trend of business for 1939 has taken a gradual slope downward but as yet the Church of God continues to rise higher and higher regardless of the down slope

of business. This, of course, is indeed remarkable, and we should all praise God for His marvelous goodness and watch-care over us in these last days.

Praise God For Healing Power

GREENWOOD, S. C.—I praise my heavenly Father for His great healing power, for healing my baby's body. I received an anointed handkerchief from Brother L. G. Rouse and we laid it on our baby's body and prayed for her and God wonderfully healed her body. Many of the saints of God prayed for her, for which I am thankful and give God the praise, but the enemy is trying to defeat me by making her neck limber, but I'm still trusting God.

I promised God I would testify to her healing if He would heal her when she was in the jaws of death and the doctor had done all he could do. The enemy has tried to keep me from it, but something said to me, you had better testify or your baby will never get well. I began to write, and praise God, I felt His power and presence.

My baby was paralyzed in her right side, but when God came on the scene she came to herself and could move her leg and arm and the day that God healed her body He healed me of some kind of head trouble. The pain was so severe I could hardly stand it. I praise the Lord for ever finding this good old holiness way pure from sin. I praise Him for the way He helps me overcome my trials and temptations.—Mrs. Thelma Owens, Rt. 2.

I Appreciate the Holy Ghost

WALHALLA, S. C.—I praise the Lord for what He is to me; He is my all in all; He's the fairest of ten thousand to my soul. Bless His name. I know that I am saved from sin and sinning, sanctified one hundred per cent and have the precious Holy Ghost. I appreciate the Holy Ghost more than ever before. He is a great help in time of need. Praise the Lord.

I am glad I had the privilege of hearing the gospel preached rightly divided. I praise the Lord for the way He has answered prayer many times. I'm glad that we can live so close to God that He will hear and answer prayers of His children. Glory to God. I praise God for His great healing power. I'm so glad that I learned to trust this wonderful Savior who can heal all manner of diseases. I know that God can heal and I believe He will heal me. I want to trust Him all the way even through death.

I ask all to pray that God will undertake for me. I feel that God has a work for me to do; pray that He will help me to know and do His will. I want my life to be my testimony and be a blessing to others. Pray for my unsaved loved ones.—Miss Ressie Smith, Harrison Ave.

Notes From My Letters

J. H. Walker, General Overseer

"Just returned from the best district convention we have ever had at Hot Springs, N. Mex. However, as you probably know, there is only the one little church on the district, they have their new church looking nice,—stucco, cream color. Everything over the top."—S. J. Wood, overseer of New Mexico.

From Brother M. L. Lowe, overseer of Montana:

"We had a wonderful convention here (Bigtimber, Mont.) and raised practically \$70.00 in the mission offering. The offering did not stop with the first collection but people kept handing in money throughout the next day."

"Good news. Doctor Earl has given us the Grace Tabernacle in San Pedro, Calif., without any rent three months, and if the Lord blesses he says we can have it six months longer, free.

"Pray for this place. If the Lord gets hold of the doctor just right I believe he will give us the church and lot. The lot is valued at \$8,000.00. San Pedro is a hard place, lots of Catholics and sailors, but God can save them. There's nothing too hard for God."—I. L. Bengé, overseer of California.

"God blessed in a wonderful way in a special all-day meeting at Worcester, Mass., yesterday. Brother and Sister Tull are surely doing a great work there. The Waters party (Brother L. T. and wife and the Burnett sisters) is in a good revival there now. We had a blessed service at Boston last night. My, how God has undertaken there. The house was almost full. The young folk have organized a Y. P. E. there and are doing fine. Massachusetts is surely coming to the front."

**GOOD NEWS FROM A LITTLE
NEW CHURCH IN FLORIDA**
The Gainesville church was set in or-

der April 21 and I was appointed pastor. The church is small but we have some very fine members who are faithful and really doing their part. Our membership is growing and the interest is good. We have others to come in from other churches, and some to be baptized. Pray for us that we may be a blessing to our fellow man.—Yours in Christ Jesus, M. K. Henry.

Dear Brother Walker:

A few words about Louisiana. I have just returned from the southern part and am to return there Friday for a convention.

My trip was very successful for missions. At Bogalusa we drew in the net for \$51.25; at Kentwood for \$48.25; at Savannah Branch for \$32.00; at Shepherds Fold for \$75.00, and the little new church with only eight members at Roberts Chapel the offering was \$52.28, over \$6.50 per member. Say, that little band loves mission work as it came in under the same classification last year.

Our goal is one dollar per member and all that would keep Louisiana from coming up with the leading states is the lack of equal membership. In fact, we would walk off with the record if we had the membership some states have. Thank God for the spirit of missions in the state of Louisiana! something we haven't had here so many years.

Although our plan calls for 50-50 for state and foreign missions, we want to, if possible, send in as much to Headquarters as we did last year.

Brother Ainsworth is now located with the tent at Cedar Grove and has a very good interest worked up.

I am sending you some pictures of the West Monroe church and parsonage. We are small here but watch the Church of God grow. Pray for this work.

May God bless you, we are praying for you.—Clyde C. Cox.

we highly appreciate this. We are giving God all the praise.

We earnestly desire the prayers of everyone that we will see a great ingathering of souls at this place and that a church will be set in order, also that it will rise and shine for the Church of God. We organized a Sunday School Sunday with twenty-eight in attendance with prospects for many more. We are two young preachers just starting out and desire the prayers of everyone that we will succeed.—Percy W. Herman, 104 O'Hea St.

New Work at Collierville, Tenn.

COLLIERVILLE, Tenn.—Dear Evangel readers, we are glad to report that God is working in our community here at Collierville, Tenn. The work isn't organized yet for the Church of God, but this summer we expect to organize. The people here will not have anything but the Church of God and its doctrine. The unsaved are now making preparations to be saved in the revival. The ladies are letting their hair grow and beginning to dress as Christians should and others are quitting their bad habits so they can be saved and be ready to present themselves for membership in the Church.

We have a fine Sunday School. We also have a fine Junior and Senior Y. P. E. The young people are very interested in the work and many of them are talented for music and they are using their talents for the Lord. Just now we are driving for a tent to use this summer. The L. W. W. B. is behind this drive and I know very soon we will have this tent. We don't have a building but the people here have opened their homes for services. We do appreciate this. They are unsaved but God will bless them for doing this.

Brother B. L. Alford is our district overseer and Brother B. S. Prescott is our district superintendent for the Sunday School and Y. P. E. departments. We appreciate what they have done in helping us in this new field.

We sincerely ask all the Christians everywhere to breathe a prayer to the throne of God for this place and for this people, that they may enjoy the blessings of the Holy Ghost and know the fellowship of the great Church of God.—Mrs. Bessie Dobson, leader, Rt. 1, Box 52.

Working For Jesus

HUGO, Okla.—We thank God for the way He is blessing here in Hugo. Our little church was set in order last August 7 with nine members. The Lord has been blessing us all the way. We had services and Sunday School in one of the sister's homes until the Lord blessed us with a new church building and we surely thank Him for it. It's wonderful what the Lord will do if we will only put our

BRIEF REPORTS

"A good report maketh the bones fat," Prov. 15:30.

GREENVILLE, Miss.—I praise God for the way He is blessing. Brother J. W. Horton and I received a personal invitation to go down to Meyersville, Miss., a good while ago, so last Friday we went down. It is about fifty miles from here. We are praising God for the way He

blessed. We had service in Brother J. W. Toler's home Friday night, and Saturday night we had service in one of his empty houses which he gave us the privilege of using. A brother secured some lumber for seats. There was one hundred per cent co-operation from everyone and

trust in Him. Bless His dear name.

Brother J. D. Coleman of Texas started a revival for us the 26th of March which lasted four weeks. The 23rd of April our state overseer, Brother Bloomingdale, came down and stayed a week and preached for us. He brought wonderful, soul-stirring messages. Our revival is still going. There have been twenty-five saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost since the 26th of March. They are still coming to the altar seeking the Lord. It's been a wonderful revival. Twelve were baptized in water, twenty added to the church and there are others to be baptized, also to be added to the church.

It's wonderful how the Lord is blessing the young people. We had our home coming rally April 23. Brother Joe Atchley, the pastor at Ravia, brought the morning message. It was a soul-stirring message. Brother Sharp, our state Sunday School and Y. P. E. superintendent, was here the 23rd and organized the Y. P. E. There were twenty enrolled the first night.

Please pray for us here in Hugo that the Lord will keep blessing His good work and it will keep going. Also pray for our young people that they will keep going on for the Lord. We have a wonderful band of young people that has started out for the Lord. They are truly working for Jesus.—Mrs. Ida Sickles, 224 North B. St.

Draketown, Ga. Fellowship Meeting

The Draketown, Ga. fellowship meeting convened April 30. The Lord came down in a wonderful way; many souls were made to rejoice as the speakers spoke under the anointing of the power of God.

Brother Nation of Rome, Ga. was the chief speaker in the morning service. As the throng filled the church aisles and yard, many who had never believed were made to fear and tremble as the power of God was manifested throughout the great crowd. There were people from all the neighboring towns. The services continued throughout the day. Brother Batts of Rome was chief speaker in the afternoon service. He preached from a chart and his message was greatly enjoyed by everyone. God's presence was surely in the service. We also had good singers present. The Lord blesses at Draketown, Ga., for which we give God all the praise.—George Freeman, Rt. 2, Temple, Ga.

HARTWELL, Ga.—I want to sound a note of praise for The Church of God at Hartwell. We have a good Sunday School and Y. P. E. We surely appreciate our pastor, Brother H. M. Duck. The church is located about two and one-half miles from Hartwell. The church was organized about nineteen years ago with seven members (I was one of the seven).

The church has set forth eight or more preachers. Some have gone on to glory, while others are still active in the Lord's work.

We have a nice location for our church and we have a beautiful cemetery and the most remarkable thing about it is this, all who are buried there were Christians. They were not all members of the Church of God, but each one gave in his dying testimony that he was ready. My precious mother was the first to be buried there. She died in the faith, trusted the Lord to the end, and some of the others did too. We are expecting everyone of those buried there to come forth in the first resurrection. It has been our custom for several years to have a memorial service at the church. Pray for our work at Hartwell.—Myrtle Whitehead, evangelist.

Encouraged to Go On

LANCASTER, Ky.—This morning I feel like writing to the dear Evangel that our many friends may know we are going on. Praise the Lord for all His goodness.

Just after New Year's day we arrived on the Kentucky River district over which Brother B. H. Enix is overseer. Our first revival was at Combs, Ky., where Sister Keith is leader. Some were saved and came into the church. Then we went on to Tribbey where Brother Alex Smith is pastor. The Lord gave us a good revival there. We praise God for it.

We visited some of the other churches. Oh, such a good time we had. Brother Enix surely is a good man to work with. After leaving his district we arrived at Fonde, Ky., for the Middlesboro district convention where Brother Sam Holcomb is overseer. Oh, such fellowship in this convention. The great presence of the

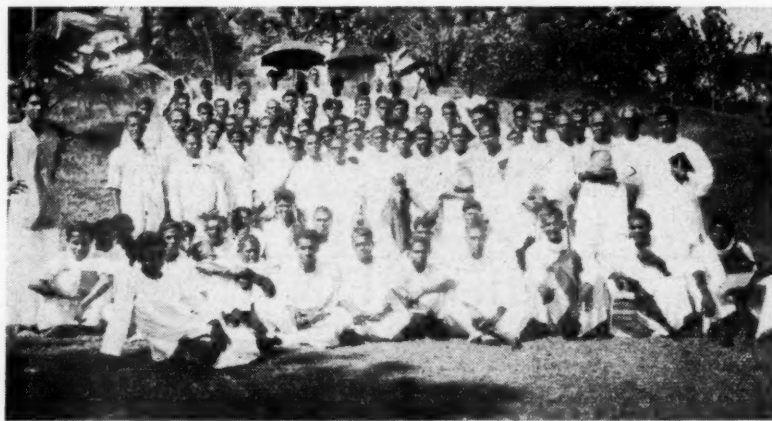
Holy Ghost was in every service. At the present time we are here on the Middlesboro district at the Barbourville church in a revival, where Brother F. C. Warman is pastor. Dear friends, we hope when you hear from us again we'll be going on. Pray for us.—George L. Cravens, evangelist.

A Few Words From the Monumental State of Mississippi

Greetings to our friends everywhere. It is with a great degree of pleasure that we make this brief report from good old Mississippi. We are glad to say we are reaching the meridian of blessing out here in this good land. We have just finished our district convention work and the Lord was with us in a gracious way. We have some of as good people in our state as you will find anywhere, and among our good ministers and laity it seems that co-operation has been the watchword, and, of course, if you know the language of action then you can understand that something is taking place in Mississippi. Since last Assembly we have had almost two hundred additions to the Church, making our total number of members 2,000. We have organized two nice churches and there have been a goodly number of church houses and pastoriums built and every department of the Church has made a prodigious increase. There have been about thirty new Y. P. E.'s organized and several new Sunday Schools and L. W. B.'s since the Assembly and over all these departments we have had a 59% total increase this first six months over the same period of last year.

Our district conventions far excelled those of last year in unity, power, spirit and prayer. We had the best fellowship, singing and preaching we have ever had.

GROUP OF WORKERS OF THE CHURCH OF GOD IN SOUTH INDIA



Our men workers of the Church of God in Travancore, South India, in 1938. The Tamil workers, also those of N. Travancore, and the women workers are not on this picture. There are 103 in all. Only the men are shown in this group. May God bless our workers in India.

It seemed that all the ministers were at their best and the people as well, especially in giving. Our mission offerings were as follow: Southern district, Earl Brewer, district overseer, \$90.17; Southwestern district, G. G. Prince, \$106.56; Northwestern district, M. C. Cockrell, \$112.00; Central district, C. H. Gardner, \$80.00; Eastern district, W. F. Sharp, \$46.00; Northeastern district, Horatio Mitchell, \$85.00; North Central, W. L. Sharp, \$85.00, which makes a total over all of \$543.73. This is \$167.23 more than last year.

The people of Mississippi are becoming the most loyal people I ever saw. All the ministers and churches are reporting and 98% of them on time. All the churches in the state paid up aged ministers and five per cent missions in our convention.

The churches have sent in right close to \$75.00 on B. T. S. indebtedness. The church in Hattiesburg alone gave \$20.00 in their offering to the orphans Easter Sunday. Pilgrim Rest, a small country church, gave over \$10.00 the same day. Thank God for our good people in Mississippi.

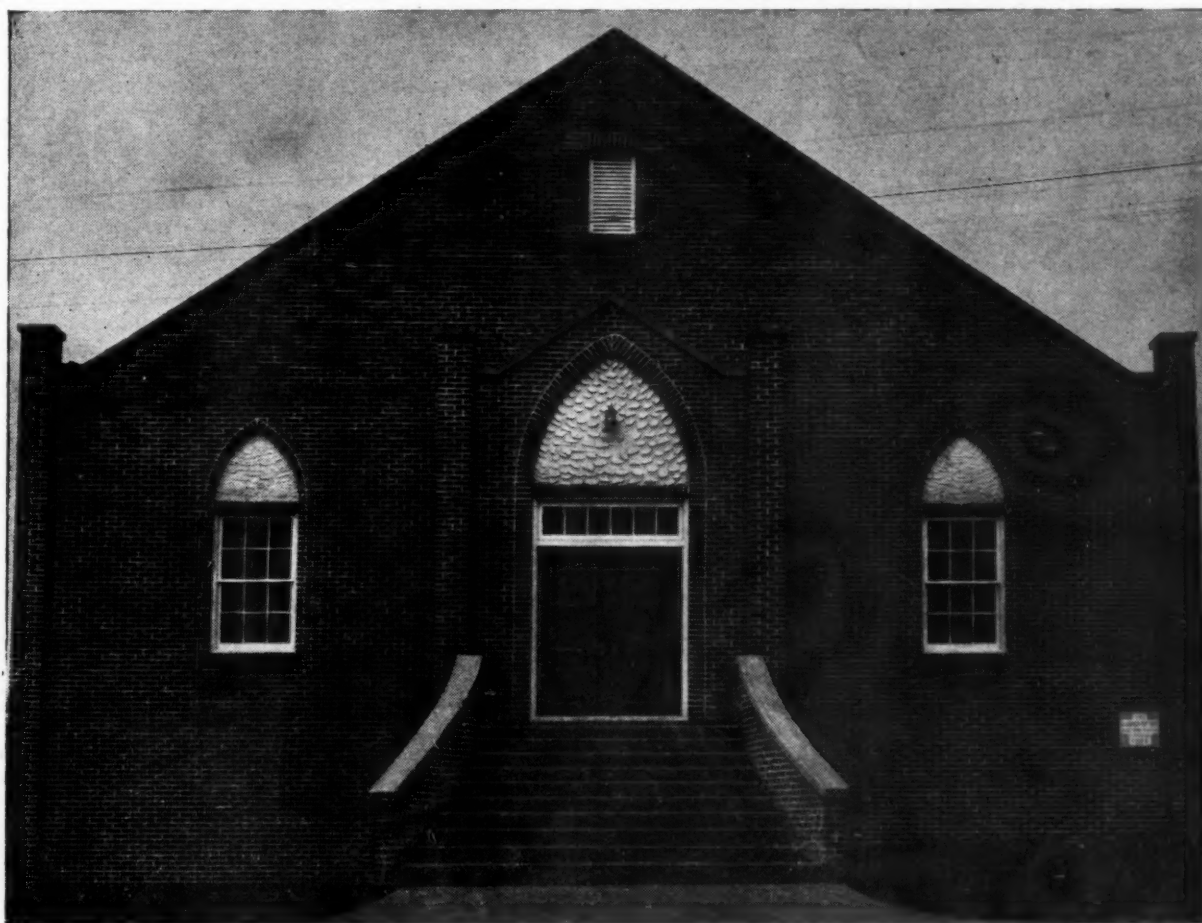
Now brother, sister, don't let your sweet mind fool you and think we don't have any battles out here. We have plenty fighting to do. These are just some results we see after the battles are over. Don't come to our neck of the woods unless you can endure hardness as a good soldier. We could tell you more about our battles but that is not our purpose. We came to bring good news and we have more than we can tell, so come over and enjoy some of these good

blessings. We are expecting to meet you at the Assembly in Atlanta, Ga., with a large delegation of good old Mississippians, but until that time good-bye and God bless you.—T. W. Godwin, overseer of Mississippi, Box 947, Hattiesburg, Miss.

REVIVAL

POTOSI, Mo.—I praise God for the good revival here in Potosi. In just one week's meeting eleven have been saved, five sanctified and three filled with the Holy Ghost. We thank God for evangelists like Brother and Sister G. W. Messer. It seems they put all their strength in a revival and God has certainly blessed them and us. Pray for us that God will continue to bless.—Geo. W. Campbell, pastor.

NEW CHURCH AT CLEVELAND, TENN. TO BE DEDICATED JUNE 25



D. B. Yow, Pastor.

—Anderson Miller, Contractor.

*These lines will serve to let you know,
The Cleveland folks are "on the go."
This building shown, we give as proof,
We're proud of it from floor to roof.
And on the 25th of June
From 9:00 a. m. till afternoon*

*Is Sunday School, and service great
With which we plan to dedicate
Our church. Then after lunch we'll meet
To praise God in communion sweet;
Begin your plans to be here now.
Yours in His service, D. B. Yow.*



Beulah, N. Dak. District Convention

Another great convention of the Beulah district convened April 21-23. It has left sacred memories which will never be forgotten. I heard one of the leading ministers present say it was the best district convention he had ever attended. The Lord was there and it was His presence and help that made it what it was.

We certainly appreciated having Brother R. P. Johnson with us in this convention. His stirring, heart-searching message on Friday night made many feel their need of being ready when Jesus comes. The altar was filled with hungry seekers.

Those bringing messages during the convention were Brothers R. P. Johnson, Ralph Brostrom, Frank Lemons, Syverson, Alvin H. Thompson and D. C. Boatwright, state overseer.

The school gymnasium was well filled by ten o'clock Sunday morning and it seemed the Lord's presence hovered over this service in a very special way and softened the hearts of the people until only a few dry eyes were left in the building. Sunday afternoon our state overseer, Brother D. C. Boatwright, made a stirring talk in behalf of missions. The offering amounted to \$43.60, which I think was good as there are only two active churches on this district.

The Gospel Quartet rendered a number of special songs and also added much to the music and singing with their instruments. I believe the good messages and real Spirit of God that prevailed throughout the convention has made the people of this community love and appreciate the Church of God more than ever before.—C. E. Inches, district pastor, Box 1113, Beulah, N. Dak.

The Jacksonville, Fla. district Sunday School and Y. P. E. convention convened at Lake City, Fla. Church of God, May 7. Brother Paul Taylor, district superintendent, has certainly been on the job this year. If I mistake not there are eight Y. P. E's and Sunday Schools on this district and the state banner is at one of the smaller churches, I believe.

We began to feel the presence of the Lord as soon as we arrived. The saints rejoiced and praised the Lord. Although the weather was bad, there was a good delegation from all over the district. We were favored with special singing and music throughout the day by the Jacksonville girls, Brother Kerce, his wife and daughter, Brother Stanfield, Sister Sarah Henderson and a young man who travels with Brother Stanfield.

The speakers for the day were Brother

Hammond and the sheriff of Lake City, Brothers James Smith, Earl Deas, Langford, Stanfield, Paul Taylor, Kerce, J. T. Roberts and Connatser. Brother Stanfield, state superintendent, brought a message just before dinner and the presence of the Lord was so wonderfully in our midst. He just gave himself up into the hand of the Holy Ghost and really rendered a sermon that was inspirational and spiritual.

After the afternoon devotional and special singing a district report was given by Brother Paul Taylor, our district being one hundred per cent on everything. Brother Roberts preached one of the best messages I ever heard him bring. The Holy Ghost surely used him as he preached. The last speaker was Brother Connatser, pastor of Macclenny church. His message was just right and hit the spot, so to speak. God was in the convention from the beginning to the end,

for which we praise Him.—Mrs. Earl Deas, c/o Maggie Jeffords, Pierson, Fla.

Joint Convention

The Kanawha River and East Rainelle districts joint-convention which convened at Cedar Grove, W. Va., May 5-7, was such a glorious success that many said it was equal to the usual state meeting. The presence of God was felt from the beginning as J. A. Whitlow, the local pastor, gave the welcome address to which the entire congregation responded with a shout of victory that was repeated continuously throughout the convention. Special responses were made by Mrs. Anna F. Landes, Harry Honaker, and Louie Kinsolving. Then in perfect accord with the trend of the meeting, the B. T. S. girls' trio sang "The Table's Spread" while a hearty amen swelled within the hearts of the listeners. The

SUNDAY SCHOOL OF THE CHURCH OF GOD AT LOGAN, W. VA.



The above is a picture of the Sunday School at Logan, W. Va. for the last Sunday in March, 1939. The school made a record for the quarter of January, February and March of 209 average, the largest of any quarter since the Church has been here and it has been established for about twenty years. I consider this a great record and worthy of a few words of congratulations to the officers of the Sunday School.

Brother Herbert Carter, a former student of the Bible School at Cleveland, Tenn., is the superintendent and Brother Millard Cox is vice-president. Brother J. E. Justice is secretary and treasurer. This is his twelfth year of service without a break. Some record!

This Sunday School kept the two ban-

ners, both state and district, for two months in succession and stood second in the state for the third month, and the third month of this quarter we had an average of 254, the best record of any month since the Church has been here. Also we had the best financial record in the history of the Church here. Hurrah for the Church of God Sunday School at Logan, W. Va.

You can see the church building with the sign on the corner. Stop to see us as you go by. Also, the first house above the church is the parsonage. Any real Church of God preacher going through is invited to stop and preach and take a meal with us. (I mean a REAL Church of God PREACHER.)—R. A. Fielden, pastor.

first evangelistic message of the convention was brought by G. W. Grubbs, who spoke concerning the power of the gospel. At the close of this heart-searching message the altar filled with souls hungry for the blessings of salvation.

The Saturday morning session opened with a continuation of the good feeling manifested on the previous evening. "Faithfulness" and "Fellowship" were the subjects of the morning messages delivered by R. E. Leadingham and H. H. Hungate respectively. Our pure minds were stirred by these timely messages and a remedy for the flaws they disclosed was prescribed in the afternoon as Frank E. Honaker spoke on "Repentance." He was followed by J. C. Hanks whose testimony brought a renewed deluge of the latter rain upon the convention. As he ran to his seat with a final shout of victory someone started singing "The Old Time Religion" and it seemed the building was filled with the power of the Holy Ghost while the words of that good old chorus burst forth from the rapturous hearts of God's children. Such a demonstration of God's presence in our midst gave us receptive hearts for the next sermon which was "Answering the Call" by C. B. Clark. Special singing was rendered during the day by the Happy Hungate band, Honaker family, Garrison quartet, Lola Mae Hearn, B. T. S. trio, and Grey brothers.

T. J. Meade, the first speaker of the evening, deftly handled the subject assigned him, "The Blessings of Heaven and How to Obtain Them." If the people on these districts fail to bring all their tithes into the storehouse, their blood will not be required at Brother Meade's hand for he gave them warning from God. "The Glorious Church" was the subject of Ben Woodring's evening message, which brought shouts of perfect joy from the Church of God people scattered over the building.

Hopes for still greater things from God burned within our hearts as a larger crowd assembled for the Sunday services. The first sermon was preached by J. A. Whitlow, who boldly declared the Bible doctrine of entire sanctification. The climax of the convention was reached later in the morning when \$63.40 was laid on the altar and \$93.00 pledged as a mission offering, given in response to the plaintive cry for help made by H. D. Statum in his discourse on missions. Even though the deadlock between the coal miners and operators has compelled everybody to practice strict economy, the good people piled the money upon the altar as if nothing could prevent their contributing to this worthy cause.

The opening feature of the afternoon session was the testimony of D. P. Holstein, who suffered for several months with a broken neck. In his hand he held

the brace he had worn for the support of his head, but he stood before us an able-bodied man witnessing to the healing power of the God we serve. The afternoon message, "The Holy Ghost and Its Evidence," was brought by O. S. Carter.

The evening devotional was marked by a mighty demonstration of the incomparable presence of the Holy Ghost. There was scarcely room to shout—the building was so packed that the ushers turned many away—but there was shouting from the pulpit to the door. "Sing 'What a Wonderful Feeling,'" cried the moderator between the shouts of triumph. As the music was mingled with the shouts, no one could have doubted that God was the author of both. J. W. Worldly was the first speaker, using "Brotherly Love" as the basis of his discourse. Then H. D. Statum preached the evangelistic sermon on "The Goodness and Severity of God." He made a challenge to the lost to seek the Lord. Many accepted and fell into the altar praying earnestly for hours.

Surely the Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad! — Louise Burgess, clerk of convention, Cedar Grove, W. Va.



ALABAMA CITY, Ala.—We praise our Savior for the revival at Tabor No. 2 Church of God with Sister Genie Lee Reid of Boaz, Ala., in charge. God wonderfully blessed with shouting and dancing among the saints. Two backsliders were reclaimed. Some came to the altar but didn't pray through. It was the best revival here in a long time. We had very good crowds for this time of the year as people are busy with their crops. We extend a hearty welcome to Sister Reid to come back again. We thank the saints for the prayers you prayed for us. We have only ten members in our church now, so you see we are few in number, but God can increase us. Bless His name. We have a faithful pastor, Brother F. L. Early of Piedmont, Ala. We appreciate him and his family.

Please pray for God to heal a sister and fill her with the Holy Ghost. She is hungry. We extend a welcome to any of God's people to pay us a visit at any time. Lift us up in prayer. May God bless you every one.—Mrs. Bessie Wood, Rt. 1.

GAINESVILLE, Ga.—We have just closed a revival here at Gainesville which we praise the Lord for. Fourteen were saved, eight sanctified, five filled with the Holy Ghost and six added to the church. Brother Rochester of North Carolina did the preaching. He is a wonderful man of God, full of the Holy Ghost and power. We were sorry to see

him leave. We had learned to love him so much. The meeting ran three weeks and closed on Saturday night with feet washing and the Lord's Supper. We had a good time in the Lord. The Church of God is moving right on here. Our pastor, John T. Duckett, has done much good for the upbuilding of the church here. Pray much for us here at Gainesville.—G. E. Williams, clerk, Rt. 3.

A revival has just closed at Negro Creek with four saved, three sanctified, two filled with the Holy Ghost and two added to the church. God worked in a great way at this place. Evangelist Ernest C. Martin was in charge. Pray much for our success.—Boyd Denham, Winchester, Ky.

WOODMAN, Ky.—Woodman church is going fine. Brother Johnnie Gooslin and Brother Eual Rice held us a three weeks' meeting which closed May 6. Brother Gooslin did the preaching and Brother Rice conducted the singing. There was much good accomplished. Five were saved, four sanctified, three filled with the Holy Ghost, one renewed and two came in the church. There was much rejoicing at our baptizing Sunday. We had sacrament and feet washing Sunday evening with a large congregation to rejoice. These brothers are from Freeburn, Ky.—Elliott Justice, pastor.

POST, Tex.—We have just closed a three weeks' revival here with Roy J. Young and his wife doing the preaching. About twenty-three were saved, nine sanctified, two filled with the Holy Ghost and one added to the church. Brother Young did some good preaching.—J. Harve Mathis, Box 634.

DAYTON, Ohio. — Just a note of praise for the good revival which just closed at Sidney, Ohio, with Evangelist Thad Puckett of Toledo, Ohio, in charge. The community is greatly stirred and there is a great prospect. There were nine saved, six sanctified, twelve filled with the Holy Ghost, seventeen baptized in water and two added to the church, making a membership of thirty adults and four juniors, or a total of thirty-four. The church is not quite six months old yet.—A. R. Heaston, 240 Green St.

God has blessed us with another glorious revival at Cedar Grove, W. Va. This has been known as a hard field in which to labor, however, we feel this meeting was God-called, and each evening for five weeks God, our heavenly Father, the blessed Christ of Calvary, and the good Holy Ghost met with us in an unusual way.

Our evangelistic party, I am sure, was as good as could be obtained. We had the

happy privilege of securing Brother H. D. Statum of East Rainelle to do the preaching and the B. T. S. trio, composed of Sisters Mabel Reum, Willie Ree Murphree, and Louise Burgess, which gave us the sweet gospel in song. They labored faithfully in this revival. To know the value of these good workers in your church, you will have to have them among your people. God bless these good singers as they travel for Jesus.—J. A. Whitlow, district pastor.

AUGUSTA, Me.—The Lord wonderfully blessed us at Coney Hill in our three weeks' revival which recently closed. The first two weeks Brother and Sister Morris C. Plotts of Omaha, Neb., were with us. We were wonderfully blessed and encouraged and the last week Brother and Sister Lewis Waters of Jacksonville, Fla., were with us. We were blessed by the Waters being in our home. The best of all we love and appreciate the wonderful singing from the Burnett sisters trio of Texas. There were three souls saved and several seeking for the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

Please pray for my oldest brother that he may receive the Holy Ghost soon, and for my youngest brother and his wife that they may be saved.—Miss Murial E. Bodge, 17 Willow St.

BLUE CREEK, Ohio.—We can report victory for the little church at Blue Creek, Ohio. It is really on the firing line for God. We closed a revival here a few weeks ago with success. Three were saved, one sanctified, one filled with the Holy Ghost and two added to the church. Brother Lee B. Wyatt and Brother F. W. Rollins were in charge of the meeting. We enjoyed having them with us and feel they are true men of God. Brother Lee Wyatt is very young in years but it seems he is really on the firing line for God. Please pray for our little church at Blue Creek as it is only about seven months old. It has a membership of thirty-one. Pray that we will be ready when the Lord comes. — Mrs. Mattie Stepp, clerk.

JEFFERSON CITY, Tenn. — The Church of God at Mt. Vale is thanking and praising God for the revival just closed with Sister Esther Holland doing the preaching. One backslider was reclaimed during the revival at Morristown. Several were in the altar but none prayed through. You could see conviction seizing the hearts of the unsaved. Please pray and fast, if you feel led, that they will surrender.

We were glad to have the visitors from the neighboring churches, Sister Ethel Hill was with us the last week and we were glad to have her with us. We learned to love Sister Holland and hated to see

her leave. She preached the Word as it is laid down in the Bible with power. May God bless her everywhere she goes. Pray for the work at Mt. Vale.—Viola Kimbrough, clerk.

PIEDMONT, Ala.—We have just closed a week's revival which proved a blessing to all. The Father, Son and Holy Ghost met with us every service and blessed our souls. Praise the Lord. On Sunday, May 7, our pastor, Brother L. W. Ledbetter, brought a wonderful message. The power of God came down and we had a wonderful time together.

I praise the Lord for His great healing power. About the middle of February my brother's baby, only thirteen months old, got some Red Devil lye and ate it. His little lips turned almost wrong side out and his mouth and stomach were almost eaten out. My brother carried him to a doctor but he couldn't do anything to help the baby, so we began to call on God and he got where he could take a few drops of water or milk. We kept holding on. His mouth began to heal and he could take milk with raw eggs, also ice cream and candy, but he was pitiful. He would beg for bread, so I began to ask prayer everywhere I went and pray myself. About two weeks ago he began to eat cakes of any kind and potted meat. I believe the Lord will completely heal him. Pray for him and pray for our church here at Herrings Tabernacle, also pray for me to be humble, faithful and true until Jesus says it's enough.—Clerk, Flora Young, Rt. 4.

MT. AIRY, N. C.—We have just closed a two weeks' revival with Brother R. C. Trepplet in charge. God wonderfully blessed. There were five saved, three sanctified, six filled with the Holy Ghost and four baptized in water. Brother Trepplet did some wonderful preaching. God set His approval upon the messages.—M. H. Lamb, pastor.

EAST LYNN, W. Va.—We have just closed a few days' meeting at East Lynn, W. Va. with good success. One was saved, two baptized in water and ten added to the Church of God. We are now starting a new church building, 24x40. God is blessing these dear people. Pray for us in this work here. This is a fine place for a good work.—W. B. Branham, pastor.

MARTINSVILLE, Va. — We just closed a two weeks' revival at the Martinsville Church of God located on Jones Creek. The writer did the preaching. The Lord greatly blessed us and four were saved, one sanctified and two baptized with the Holy Ghost. Pray that the Lord will continue to bless the church there. I am now engaged in a revival at the

Axton Church of God. Pray for us.—Humbly, Ida McGuire, evangelist, Rt. 1, Box 142, Keysville, Va.

WOODFIN, N. C.—We thank God for sending the evangelist, Lula Mixon, to hold a revival at Woodfin, N. C., the first of April. Several were saved and sanctified, five filled with the Holy Ghost and nine added to the church.—Mrs. C. W. Goforth, clerk, Rt. 1, c/o R. H. Snyder, Asheville, N. C.

Thankful For Encouraging Letters

HARRISBURG, Ark. — Thanks to dear ones from whom I have received good, encouraging letters, saying they had offered up prayer to God for the healing of my body. Praise the Lord, I am able to go about my work and I really know the Lord has touched my body. I have been trusting God with both soul and body for fifteen years. My oldest child is nine years of age and I trust my children in the hands of the Lord too. Saints, pray for me.—Mrs. Lillie Pierce, R. F. D. 1.

State Convention and Camp Meeting Dates

Florida Camp Meeting—June 1-10
 Florida State Convention—June 2-3
 Missouri—June 9-11
 Ohio—June 15-18
 Virginia—June 15-18
 Michigan Camp Meeting—June 18-25
 Michigan State Convention—June 23-25
 North Carolina—June 22-25
 Great Northwest Camp Meeting—June 26-July 4
 Kansas—June 29-July 2
 Northwest Convention—July 1-4
 New Mexico-Colorado-Utah—July 7-9
 Oklahoma—July 14-16
 Pennsylvania—July 14-16
 Arkansas—July 21-23
 West Virginia—July 21-23
 Kentucky Camp Meeting—July 24-30.
 Kentucky—July 28-30
 Texas Camp Meeting—July 31-Aug. 6
 Texas State Convention—August 4-6
 Alabama Camp Meeting—Aug. 2-13
 Alabama State Convention—Aug 11-13
 Maryland (Eastern Shore) Camp Meeting, August 4-13
 Maryland-D. C.-Delaware - East Virginia state convention—August 11-13
 Mississippi—August 10-13
 Iowa Camp Meeting—August 15-25
 Tennessee Camp Meeting (Sevierville)—July 20-30
 Tennessee—July 27-30
 Louisiana—August 24-27
 Maine—September 1-4



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PRAY FOR:

E. E. Basham who has T. B.—J. H. Walker, General Overseer.

My health to be restored.—Emma Fish, Rt. 5, Smithville, Tenn.

God to turn a man's heart back to his wife; unspoken request; my lungs and a bad cough to be healed.—Mrs. Cumy Stone, Rear 401 Ave. A., N. E., Childress, Tex.

D. K. Marion to be healed of a three months' illness.—W. W. Smethers, pastor, Wichita Falls, Tex.

Me to be an overcomer; the Lord to provide a way for me to go to church; my body to be healed.—Mrs. A. W. Shawver, Rt. 1, Vineyard, Tex.

Me to be completely healed. — Ola Medlin, Rt. 1, Box 178, Wilson, Ark.

The Church of God at Marked Tree, Ark.; God to send some good man of God to hold a revival.—Church of God, Marked Tree, Ark.

My niece, Mrs. Lonie Kishardson, to be healed of a cancer on her nose; our revival; unsaved loved ones to be saved.—Mrs. Colie Flowers, McColl, S. C.

Me to be healed of a bad stomach trouble; my mother who is sick to be healed.—Miss Elberta Reaves, 2238 Wabash St., Detroit, Mich.

Very urgent unspoken request. — Martha Crump, Rt. 1, Toccoa, Ga.

God to heal me of hives; my husband and me to live closer to God and receive the Holy Ghost.—Zeva Dingess, Logan, W. Va.

Me to be healed of high blood pressure, catarrh, bad hearing; Opal Fowler to be healed of T. B., her crooked back to be straightened; her to become a Christian; her brother and mother to receive the Holy Ghost. — Martha Fowler, Mount Gay, W. Va.

The healing of my body of headache and backache, my whole body in general; my father to be saved; a way fixed for my sister and me to go to church.—Belle Dingess, Mount Gay, W. Va.

The Lord to provide for me, my children and grandchildren; my son-in-law to be healed; me to stand true.—Mrs. May Whatley, 4403 13th Ave. N., East Birmingham, Ala.

My sister who is very ill to be healed; my nephew who got injured by a car to be healed; me and my family; special unspoken request.—Jack B. Greene, 413 Wilk St., Alexandria, Va.

Me and my family to be healed; more

faith.—Vestia Ragan, Rt. 1, Alabama City, Ala.

Tent meeting here, that souls will be saved as there is no Church of God in this county.—Mrs. Mae Terry, Dawsonville, Ga.

The healing of my body; my faith to be increased; an aunt to be healed of asthma; the Lord to make a way for me to get a job; the church here; my loved ones and friends to be saved; unspoken request.—Miss Effie Freeman, Rt. 2, Temple, Ga.

Our son who has leakage of the heart to be healed.—Mr. and Mrs. Ray M. Morgan, Hayesville, N. C.

A boy who has something wrong with his head to be healed and saved; me to be able to get out and work for the Lord; our church here. — Delthia Phillips, Hazelwood, N. C.

Me to be healed of heart trouble. Anointed cloth appreciated. — Mrs. Leatha Hastings, Rt. 2, Scottsboro, Ala.

My brother who has something on his back to be healed; his baby to be healed of whooping cough; that he will give up and do God's will.—Mrs. J. J. Williamson, Rt. 1, Kennedy, Ala.

God to heal my leg and knee of rheumatism.—Maudy Norton, 22 E. Broad St., Carrollton, Ga.

Two sick people to be healed; one of whom is at the point of death; a girl to be saved.—N. C. Park.

My body which is afflicted. — Mrs. Helen Palmer, 1412 Prospect Ave., St. Joseph, Mo.

My grandchildren to be healed of whooping cough.—Mrs. Ethel Godwin, Havana, Fla.

My home folks to be saved; our revival; unspoken request; a cousin to be healed. Fast, if led.—Myrtice Wolfe, Rt. 2, Nicholls, Ga.

My eyes and hearing to be healed; my body which seems worn out. Letters of encouragement appreciated.—Mrs. Maggie Smith, Rt. 1, Box 106, Columbiana, Ala.

Me to be healed of T. B. —R. H. Nance, Caraway, Ark.

Me to be saved. — Mrs. Cotchineal Daniels, Stillmore, Ga.

Me to be healed of sores on my legs; me and my family to be ready. — Sister C. Green, Phoenix, Md.

Obituaries

HARRIS

Sister Elizabeth Harris, faithful member of the Church of God at Kennedy, Ala., died April 11, 1939; age ninety-one years.—Pastor, J. J. Williamson, Rt. 1, Kennedy, Ala.

GRISSOM

Brother W. J. (Willie) Grissom, member of the Church of God, died April 10, 1939.—L. W. Mason, Red Bay, Ala.

SMITH

Sister Eunice Irene Smith, faithful member of the Church of God at Mt. Dora, Fla., passed away, age thirty years and eight months.—Mrs. C. M. Padgett, Orlando, Fla.

ELLARD

Mrs. Doris Mae Ellard, a faithful saint of God, died Feb. 6, 1939; age twenty-three years, ten months and nineteen days.—Her mother, Mrs. Whatley, 4403 13th Ave., N., East Birmingham, Ala.

BARNES

Fanny Barnes, member of Eighth Ave. Church of God, Knoxville, Tenn., died Jan. 31, 1939. She was among the oldest members of the church here. — Roy Barnes.

HOLT

Brother John A. Holt was born Jan. 20, 1863 and died May 16, 1939; age seventy-six years. Brother Holt lived a Christian life for more than fifty-five years.—H. C. Peek, his son-in-law, Marion, N. C.

MARLIN

Sister Mary (Graves) Marlin, member of the Church of God, departed this life, May 19, 1939; age twenty-four years.—Her pastor, B. H. Smith, Rt. 1, Troy, Tenn.

BLACKWOOD

Sister Mary Blackwood, member of the Church of God at Brighton, St. Elizabeth, was born 1881 and died April 30, 1939; age fifty-eight years.—Synmond Graham, Brighton, St. Elizabeth, Jam., B. W. I.

WEBER

Our only little child, Kathryn (Kitty) Louise Weber, died April 10, 1939; age five years, and twenty days.—Kathryn R. Weber, Brigade St., Charleston, S. C.

COOK

Our dear mother, Ida Cook, a faithful member of the Church of God, died May 15, 1939; age sixty years. We need your prayers.—Gary Cook, Rt. 2, Dillon, S. C.

VAULT

Sister Janie Vault, member of the Church of God, died May 18, 1939; age eighty-seven years. — Elbert G. Cook, clerk, Rt. 2, Dillon, S. C.

The Church of God

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nance nor order, without authority to in anywise attend to church business. We confidently expect to see the Church of God maintain the Bible standard of doctrine and victory and thereby be kept from apostasy because she recognizes and appreciates the necessity and blessedness of both. For to save our spirituality we will do so only by subscribing strictly to New Testament government. And we can maintain the New Testament standard of government when and only when we are led by the Spirit. Anything that saps the Church's spirituality will destroy her government. Should we weaken on either then her influence and usefulness will be wrecked. If there are those among us who are trying to build up the one, and at the same time neglecting the other, they are doomed to a miserable failure. Both are revealed in the Church's bill of rights (New Testament). They are essential to our harmony and happiness. True Church of God people appreciate both and are determined that neither shall suffer. By maintaining them we are enjoying the blessings and commendation of the head of the Church and are gaining the favor and co-operation of true saints at home and abroad.

PERSONS

Who have been dominated over by church government which gives no place for spirituality hesitate to seek God for spiritual experiences for fear of religious fanaticism or heresy. Others who have accepted spirituality as the all inclusive and exclusive relationship draw back from government for fear of coming under religious bondage and slaves to ecclesiastical dictators, and we sympathize with both for truly there is fanaticism and to spare among people who make the Bible to depend upon their visions, dreams, tongues, interpretations, despising even the thought of government, rule or ruler (except when they can be the ruler). It is true that others are equally as far in error who make legal fellowship the only and all inclusive church relationship.

BUT BOTH

Classes are inexcusable when it comes to rejecting a Church that accepts and makes the New Testament standard of spirituality and government its standard. For there is nothing in this TRUE order to be afraid of or that will in the least frighten those whose purpose is to enjoy their Scriptural rights. However, there is danger and much to alarm honest hearts in a one-sided Church view, which totally spiritualize the Church, granting each soul the right to be governed by his personal opinion or private interpretation, thus allowing a religious myth to supersede sound doctrine, resulting in

free loveism, spiritualism, Eddyism, and dozens of other damnable isms, all seeking pre-eminence in the ranks of Christianity, laying claims to special leadings of God which makes Him a divider of His own people. This spirit, only church philosophy, genders a shout, but not a shout of victory. Disciples of it will resent quickly and deeply any teaching which restrains them and raises a standard for their department, stating that their conscience is to be their guide in matters of dress, amusements, drinks, tobaccos, and other questionable indulgences, which they claim is their own personal privilege to enjoy. This "do as you please," "walk as you feel led," self-willed, government-despising church teaching has been and is yet one of Satan's most effective ways of bringing and maintaining so many of his destructive divisions among Christians. On the other hand, the one-sided view that sets forth that the Church of God is purely a government and that legal or governmental relationship is all there is to being a member is just as erroneous and fully as dangerous, for such teachings set at naught the blood and Spirit of Christ, setting up a form of godliness without any power, from such Paul admonishes Timothy to turn away, 2 Tim. 3:5. Verse 7 says, "Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth." The first is a religious error which appeals to free-lance imaginations and emotions. The second is a religious form which appeals to the carnal who desire a religion without going through the refining processes of salvation.

HOWEVER,

True spirituality and true government will appeal to and draw true saints together and effect a blessed unity, where real, unquestionable Bible doctrine and fellowship can be experienced and enjoyed. And herein is the Church of God distinguished from independent missions, nominal churches and religious societies, by its spirituality and government with ideals high enough, honest enough, strong enough to accept and enjoy the whole truth, and power enough to eliminate alien, hostile, and modernistic elements.

Then when controversy threatens to rend it, the Church proposes to exercise its God-given rights in dealing with any controversy, and in this it is justified for such is both scriptural and necessary, as the Church's prosperity and peace depend upon same. But for such steps to meet divine approval and be binding, they must be so by being in harmony with the Spirit of the Word as well as the letter. Since it is impossible to vision God's Church without government, to vision it without spirituality is equally as impossible. The Bible, our textbook, reveals both. When in these last days God re-

opened the springs of full spirituality, He at the same time began to restore Bible government, and while we admit that government within itself is not sufficient, yet it is absolutely necessary to the edification and protection of the religious life. Then the Church has a God-given mission which it could not fulfill without both. A full-gospel, world-wide mission program, care of orphans, aged ministers, ministers' widows, Bible Training Schools, Sunday Schools, Young People's work, Church publications, ladies' work call for a real CHURCH ROOTED AND GROUNDED IN LOVE, ESTABLISHED IN THE WHOLE TRUTH, and it seems reasonable to me that if spirituality plus government is the Bible order, surely a union of God's people under such system would effect a unity whereby the Church could soon finish its mission and thus hasten the coming of its Head. If both are scriptural, then it becomes the duty of His children to subscribe to same and prove their value by abiding therein, for obedience is the only way to please God. Thus we see a Church that fits into the whole New Testament and is fit to proclaim the whole truth. We have no respect for any church theory that rules the blood of our Lord and the Holy Ghost out, and that which rejects government is equally as dangerous, so let us stick fast to and stand hard by that which is so precious to our hearts.

NO DISCOURAGEMENT

There is nothing which indicates that any true Church of God person is discouraged, for he knows that she will never abandon true spirituality, neither will she depart from Bible government, for it takes both to complete sound doctrine. One is as holy as the other, they are in harmony and it takes both to get harmony on this subject. There has been much prayer, care, research and labor on our part in searching out and setting forth what we know to be the scriptural doctrines and teachings of the Church, and to get it well established in the homeland, and we are happy over what has been accomplished.

ON THE OTHER HAND

We are conscious of two evils which seem to always lurk near; namely, false satisfaction, or ease; second, false doctrine. For us to become satisfied or pleased to the extent that we sense or feel no danger is about the worst calamity that could befall us in critical times like we live in (I am no calamity howler), but watchfulness, diligence, care and courage are necessary if we are to maintain the Bible standard and keep false doctrine and teachers out. To truly recognize and realize the extent of the responsibility resting upon us, to examine ourselves as to whether we are willing to faithfully

and fearlessly bear it is a matter that calls for our most serious and anxious thought. To feel our responsibility and be conscious of our weaknesses are both necessary. To be conscious of and confess our shortcoming is not to proclaim that we are faint-hearted, still less to suggest that we are lowering the standard, or have fallen away. To acknowledge that we are not sufficient of ourselves places us in position to call and lean upon God, for our sufficiency is of Him. Some may feel humiliated to admit that they had ever erred in judgment or act, yet when people are honest enough to admit their failures in the spirit of repentance, that is a hopeful sign, for as long as one's attitude is such that he will make proper preparations he will find a way out. So with the Church. But should anyone ever reach the place where he attempts to justify himself in failures or wrongs he will have reached a fallen state.

NEITHER

Minister nor layman should ever be ashamed to acknowledge it when proven to be wrong. It matters not about official standing, or effect, none should be afraid because of those within or without our ranks who might criticize us. Confession of faults is blessedly helpful, for this shows that future actions or words will be more carefully guarded. The fact that some may see error and acknowledge it is not enough (should error exist), but all leaders, those in authority, who have power and influence, must keep a clear vision and use their power and influence in correcting irregularities should such arise.

THE CHURCH OF GOD

Is a divine institution, with a divine mission. Its members have both the divine and human nature, and while there is much evidence that the divine nature was blessedly manifest in the early history of the Church, it is true that there was much of the human nature manifest among the same people in the same age. The Church has always carried on a warfare against weakness within and stubborn opposition without, and this conflict will continue until the day when He who loves and understands it best comes to receive it unto Himself. The early workers did not abandon their task, nor shirk their duty, in endeavoring to enlighten and persuade souls to be reconciled to God and come with them; neither shall we. While opposition may be strong and stubborn, hindering us from making the gains or progress that we would like to, we can and we WILL preserve our ideals as to what it took and what it will take, to have the Church of God as He did and would have—GOD'S PEOPLE UNDER GOD'S GOVERNMENT. I know that the above scriptures are true, honest, just, pure, lovely, and

of good report, also full of virtue. The comment may fall far short of perfection but with honest heart, I have dipped my pen in the ink of true convictions and have written what I have written feeling justified in asking you to at least think on these things.

Finished Sin

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master you and leave you a miserable wreck, cause you to probably take somebody's life or your own. I'm just a young man, but I've seen a lot of people reap the bitterness of sin.

Another boy and I stood by the bedside of a man who was about to step off the stage of action without God, and he said, "Boys, don't ever backslide and go away from God. I once had the blessing but backslid and now I'm dying without God." Oh, those words pierced my soul and many a time when the devil had all his foes against me those words would come to me and help me along. Another fellow told me just after I found the Lord, "Son, be careful and don't go down for there is nothing in sin. I tried both lives. I lived for God nine years and went back in sin." I tried to persuade him right there to turn to God but he said, "Not now, I intend to live right some time," but sin got the best of him. This last spring his wife shot his brains out and the dogs licked them up. He went out to face an angry God; she went to the pen for life. Sin was finished in his life.

God's Word is just as true as the sun that shines and what it says it means just that. Man might think he can camouflage but brother, he can't do away with the effects of sin. Sin is not to be played with. There is nothing too bad that can be said against it. As we look around and see how our nation is stooped in sin, we shudder as we realize what the outcome will be.

The Bible tells us of a man who let sin run its course in his life. Daniel 5:1, "Belshazzar the king made a great feast to a thousand of his lords, and drank wine before the thousand." I can just picture in my mind the kind of time they had. But people mustn't forget that God still sits on the throne and looks on men's deeds, whether they be good or evil. I can see them as they bring the sacred vessels of the house of God and begin to drink wine out of them. Such a time they were having! He might have been dancing with the other fellow's wife, for all I know. But God steps in in the time of it all and over again; the candlestick He writes the death sentence of a king.

The devil promises people a good time in sin, but no matter how good a time Belshazzar had he had that feeling that something had gone wrong. V. 6, "Then the king's countenance was changed, and his thoughts troubled him, so that the

joints of his loins were loosed, and his knees smote one against another." That merry expression on his face fled as he felt the finger of God's judgment at his heart; joy fled away; the sins he had been indulging in became as gall to him and his thoughts troubled him. And why should they not? for that message was the sealing of his destiny, for sin was just about to finish its course. His joints were loosed at his loins and his knees smote one against the other.

Sinner, you can go in sin and not serve God, but when you realize that God has placed you in the judgment balance and sin has finished its course in your life, you will tremble too. Just think of a king who had the rule over a kingdom, one who could sit up and take down captains and governors and could set his army against the foe; think of him standing there trembling under the hand of God's wrath. He wanted something done; he began to call the wise men of Babylon to his aid, but none could do him any good for they were not in touch with God themselves. So Daniel was summoned to the scene, a man in whom dwelt the Spirit of God. Many fail and make shipwreck by taking what some man destitute of the Spirit of God says. It takes a man filled with the Spirit to bring out the Word of God, for Paul says that the natural man cannot receive the things of God, that is, understand them, till he comes in contact with God, for they are spiritually discerned. But Daniel gives him the message in the 27th verse, "Thou art weighed in the balance, and art found wanting." Just think, kings weigh little in God's sight. If God were to place you in the balance, how much would you weigh right now? God is displeased with sin and has done everything since its origin to help the poor man that became a slave to it. Just think of the thousands of gallons of innocent blood of those poor beast that were shed for man's benefit and to help him carry his load for four thousand years, but Paul says that the blood of those animals could not take away sin.

Something had to be done for God promised us a plan of redemption when man fell, so the angel told Mary in Matt. 1:21 that Jesus should save His people from their sins. When a physician comes he gets to work and finds the trouble and then goes after the germ. That is just what God did, He went after the germ of sin by sending His Son to this world to die for us that we might be free from the curse of sin. He wasn't playing with the world, neither does He expect us to pass it up lightly. I can hear Jesus in Matt. 11:28-30 saying, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, . . . For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." O dear

soul that is burdened down without hope, just come unto Him and He will give you rest. That precious Man, who slept on the cold mountain side with a stone under His head, can help you and lift your burden; the One who thought so much of you that He was willing to suffer on the cruel cross that you might be free, and that was His mission to this world to save the lost. Luke 19:10.

As Jesus hangs on the cross with the sin of the world upon Him (not for anything He had done, but for us) I can see Him as He reaches down and gets a sin-cursed world by one hand and God by the other and crosses them on His breast and says, "It is finished." Just think of the contrast of the word "finished" here and the one in our text. The one in the text reveals the course of sin finished while this one reveals that the plan of salvation is complete. Oh, I can feel His presence now. I'm glad God saved me before sin had run its course in my life. I was a drunkard, gambler and many other things too numerous to mention but one night I heard Him say, "Come," and I responded to His call. Some said I wouldn't stay saved, but, praise our God, I found a Friend that sticketh closer than a brother. The same man who stilled the tempest that tossed the ship on Galilee, calmed my tempest one night before sin finished its course in my life. Oh, glory, come to Him now, or will you let sin ruin you and cause you to be lost?

NOTICES

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report and let's have a good time in the Lord. We trust none will feel hurt by not being on the program; you know it would be impossible to put all the good preachers on as we do not have anything but good ones.

Brother R. P. Johnson, Assistant General Overseer, will be with us and we are sure he will have the message we need. The Lord willing, we will have the new state tent up for this meeting.—J. L. Dorman, overseer of Virginia, 419 Elm Ave., S. E., Roanoke, Va.

We are in a revival at Moores Chapel which is going good. People are getting healed. Please pray that God will give us a real break and souls will be won for Him.—Turner Hall and family, Locust Grove, Okla.

The Buhl, Ala. Church of God will have home coming the third Sunday in

June. All members, former pastors and near-by churches are invited to attend. Bring your singers and music. Dinner will be served at the church.—B. D. Smith, pastor, Rt. 1, Buhl, Ala.

A Church of God revival is in session at Shreveport, La. Come over and help us, or if you have relatives here in whom you are interested, write them to come to the tent revival out on Fairfield and 74th Sts. Good interest is being shown. Louisiana, pray with us that God will give us a church here as there is no church in this part of the state.—W. F. Ainsworth, state evangelist, Cedar Grove Sta., Shreveport, La.

A revival will begin at the Church of God at Huston, Ala. the first Sunday in July. We invite every Christian to attend and help us in the services. The revival will be conducted by Brother and Sister F. C. Canaday.—Mrs. F. C. Canaday, Erie, Colo.

Due to the mines being closed so long, we have changed the date of our district meeting from June 2-4 to July 7-9. The convention will be in our new church building at Glamorgan, Va. We are also building a new church at St. Charles, Va. J. L. Dorman, state overseer, will be in charge.—District pastor, L. M. Justice, Glamorgan, Va.

There will be a district Y. P. E. rally of the Harrisburg, Pa. district Saturday evening, June 10, at 8:00 p. m. (daylight saving time), which will convene at the Church of God, Cross Keys, Pa. We are looking for a great time, so come and enjoy the Lord's blessings with us.—Jonas R. Yingst, district Y. P. E. superintendent, 327 S. Front St., Harrisburg, Pa.

Our state convention and camp meeting date is fast approaching—July 2-9. It will be held on the church grounds in Hobbs. We will have both of our tents in use; one for our services, the other for a kitchen and dining room and the church building for an apartment house.

We are insisting on a good attendance from each church. Begin now to make your plans and remember to prepare for your local church report. See that everything is 100% O. K. You will feel bad if you and your church are the only slackers on any part of the program. According to my records, some are still in the arrears on their mission quota. If it happens to be you, be sure to see to it

now that it is all made up. Then, too, provide a special fund to have ready for the state convention mission offering. The church bringing the best offering for this, compared to membership, will take the state mission banner back home with them. The L. W. W. B. can do us a great favor in this.

Just had word from Brother Walker, our General Overseer, that he or Brother Johnson, our Assistant General Overseer, would be with us. Well, we could use both, could we not? And last but not least, whatever, we especially invite our dear friends from other states to come and be with us. We certainly will be sadly disappointed if you fail us.—S. J. Wood, state overseer of New Mexico, Colorado and Utah.

A Word of Thanks

HARRISBURG, Ill. — Dear Evangel readers, my letter of thanks to you dear brothers, and sisters, and saints of God is very late, but God knows just how thankful I was in my heart for your good, encouraging letters and anointed cloths and precious prayers for me and my husband. My mouth is well and husband is much better. Some who wrote asked for an answer as to how we got along. Many thanks to everyone, and I praise the dear Lord for His answer to your prayers. May God bless the dear Church of God and every member.

Please pray for us that we may get closer to God and be useful here in Harrisburg, also our dear pastor and wife, Brother and Sister Melvin O. Smith.—Mrs. Willis Foster, 829 S. Land St.

Feel Like Going On

WHITE HALL, Ga.—I am glad today that I can report victory through the Evangel. I am saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and feel like going on with Jesus, for there is nothing in this world that I want to turn back to. Young people, let's hold on to Jesus, for He's coming back and don't you want to be ready? You may be tried and tested, but hold on to God. When I first got salvation, some said I would not hold out for I was only a child, but thank God, I have been living for Jesus nearly seven years and the way grows sweeter to me. Pray for me that I will continue. There is no Church of God here and I don't get to go to church often. I belong to the church at Lawrenceville, Ga. Pray for the church there that it will continue to rise and shine for Jesus. Pray for me.—Miss Florine Petty.

When our hearts are full of pure religion our minds will be full of pure thoughts and our lives full of pure acts and deeds.